

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 4-8, 10-12 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Williams et al. publication in view of the Yakshin et al. and Taniguchi et al. patent application publications.

Claims 2 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yakshin et al. patent application publication in view of the Taniguchi et al. patent application publication.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 13-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 8 has been amended herein to include the recitations of allowed Claim 13 and thus should now be allowable. Similarly, dependent Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 18, and dependent Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 19. Accordingly, Claims 18 and 19 should be allowable.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to include the recitations of allowed Claim 13; new Claim 16 includes the recitations of Claim 1 and allowed Claim 14; and new Claim 17 includes the recitations of Claim 1 and allowed Claim 15. Since Claim 1 recites a semiconductor single crystal thin film with limitations similar to Claim 8, which recites a process for producing a semiconductor single crystal thin film, it is submitted that Claim 1 as amended herein and new Claims 16 and 17 should also be allowable. All of the remaining claims are dependent from Claim 1 as currently amended, or Claim 8 as currently amended, and thus should also be allowable.

Since the Examiner has already indicated that Claims 13-15 would be allowable, the amended Claim 1 and new Claims 16 and 17 do not raise any new issues that would require an


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additional search or examination. Accordingly, these amended claims should be entered and allowed.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all of the Claims 1, 4-8, 10-12 and 16-19 should be allowable to Applicants, and formal allowance thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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